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# The basics of training

*Millington students participate in annual ROTC course*

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As the booming voice of “the Chief” filled the air last week, anyone working or residing in the vicinity of Hammond Hall on the NSA Mid-South might have thought they were actually at the Naval Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.

The base played host to the annual Navy Junior ROTC Basic Leadership Training (BLT) course. Cadets representing Millington Central High School, Pike High School in Indianapolis, and Willard High School in Willard, Mo. In all, 55 students participated in the weeklong boot camp. Retired Lt. Cmdr. Robert Galloway, senior naval science instructor at Millington Central; retired Lt. Cmdr. Stephen White, senior naval science instructor at Pike High; and retired MMC (SW) Craig White, naval science instructor at Willard High, were the course facilitators, providing the cadets with an introduction to the military lifestyle.

This is the fifth year that the Millington Central Navy Junior ROTC and NSA Mid-South have hosted the weeklong course. The first year

Galloway conducted the course, they hosted almost 325 cadets from a dozen high schools. Galloway explained that though this year’s attendance is somewhat smaller than in previous years, it is not due to a lack of interest by the cadets. “The course size is driven by the availability of facilities on the base which has a direct affect on the course size. Each year the amount of available billeting gets smaller and smaller and more difficult to secure.” Therefore, Galloway and his staff improvise, adapt, and overcome to make the course happen. Stephen White chuckled and said, “I don’t think the kids are losing out on anything. They still receive the same amount of instruction. In fact, they probably get more out of the course because there are fewer of them, which allows for more personal time with each cadet.”

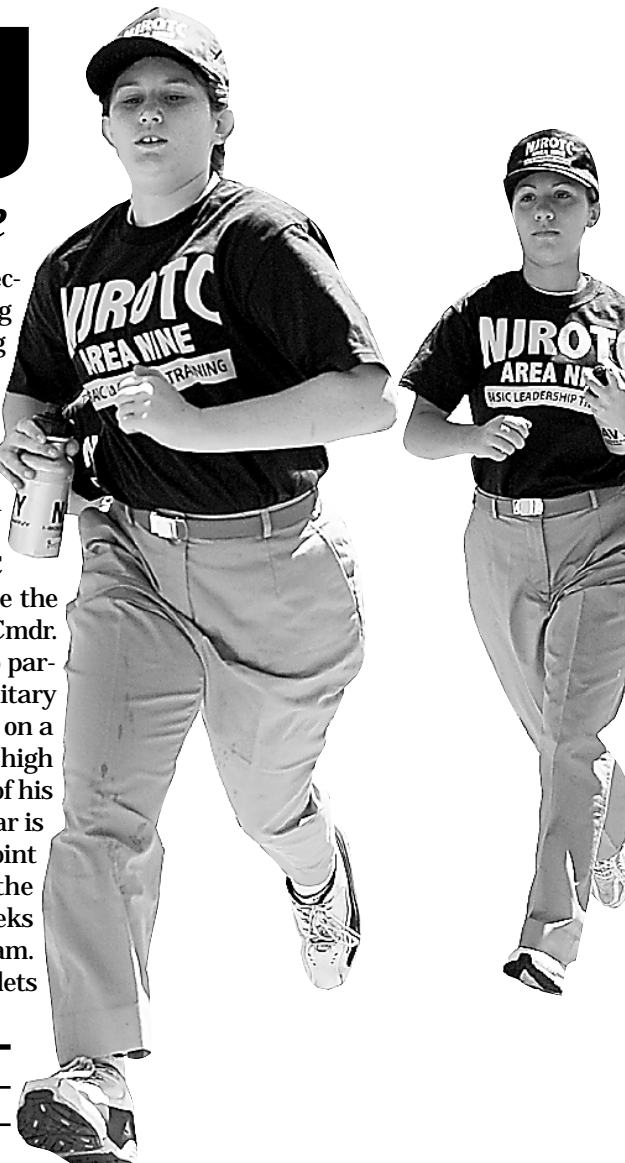
It’s evident that Chief White, who in a previous life served as a recruit division commander at Great Lakes, had no problem reprising his role. Though at times he appeared to be a cross between gunnery sergeants Carter and Foley, one cadet said, “Chief White isn’t as mean as he seems. That is at least I hope he’s not.”

In addition to the expected marching and drills, the cadets experienced a wide variety of

activities including sea bag inspections, field day, a military working dog demonstration, and challenging physical activities like the climbing wall, obstacle course, and physical fitness competition. The result Galloway said is, “The students learn how to work as a team.”

Seven out of the 120 ROTC cadets from Pike High School made the journey to Millington with Lt. Cmdr. White. While few of the cadets who participated in the BLT come from military families, some have their sights set on a military life upon graduating from high school. White pointed out that one of his cadets participating in BLT this year is a very strong candidate for West Point and another will enlist in the National Guard in a couple of weeks by way of the Delayed Entry Program. Galloway and White also have cadets who are headed to the military.

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## Selection Board service is key role of Navy Personnel Command

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Each year, more than 200 boards are convened at the Navy Personnel Command to select sailors for advancement, special programs or other unique opportunities. Serving on one of these boards is a very important and rewarding experience that can enhance anyone’s Navy career.

Boards vary in size with as little as five members to as large as 180 members.

“Serving as a board member or recorder provides a unique opportunity to see how the process works,” said Cmdr. Elizabeth S. Hostetler,

director of the NPC Officer Career Progression Branch. “Members get to use their experience and background to help pick the Navy’s future officer and enlisted leadership and leave an important legacy for the Navy.”

Recorders also get an invaluable perspective on how a board views and briefs each person’s record and selects sailors for promotion and administrative milestones. “They see how important fitness reports and evaluations are to the process, how better to prepare those reports and evaluations, and how to spot and address potentially confusing or non-standard events in their record,” she said.

There are two types of boards: statutory and administrative.

Statutory boards are governed by federal law and include officer promotions and officer continuation boards. Administrative boards are governed by Navy policy and include enlisted advancement boards and commanding officer screening boards.

Both types of boards have their own sets of rules and regulations that must be followed. Policy for officer statutory boards is dictated by SECNAVINST 1401.3A, and must meet requirements set down in U.S. Code, Title 10. Each member is appointed by the Secretary of the Navy and must be in a grade higher than the officers under consideration by the board.

Administrative boards are not dictated by law, but instead are gov-

erned by OPNAV and BUPERS instructions.

“Both types of boards are held to the same high standards,” said Hostetler. “Great care is taken to ensure the membership is diverse, including community mixture, geographic diversity and experience.”

A complete list of the requirements, guidelines, and standards for boards of both types can be found in U.S. Code Title 10, SECNAV and OPNAV instructions, and board precepts. Precepts are listed for each board at <http://www.npc.navy.mil/Boards>.

A precept provides specific board guidelines and standards. The Secretary of the Navy signs the precept for officer statutory boards and the Chief of Navy Personnel signs

most administrative board precepts.

Serving on a board is a big responsibility. Potential board members are charged with preserving board information from the moment they are officially notified they have been chosen to sit on a board.

“Sailors must have complete confidence in the absolute integrity of the board process,” said Hostetler. “They work hard and understand that there are always more qualified and eligible sailors than there are opportunities for advancement. However, they must be certain they will be given the same fair and equitable consideration as their shipmates.”

For more information on boards go to <http://www.npc.navy.mil/Boards> and scroll down to the type of board you are interested in.



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are located at <http://www.npc.navy.mil/CommandSupport/USNavyUniforms>.

Navy personnel performing official duty in the hurricane affected areas may be entitled to compensation for the replacement of those uniforms under the Military Personnel and Civilian Employee’s Claims Act (PCA). PCA claims information and forms are available at <http://www.jag.navy.mil>. Additional information is available at [www.military.com](http://www.military.com).

## THE SON HAS RISEN!



The NSA Mid-South Chapel community joined with Millington residents Easter Sunday at the annual sunrise service at Navy Lake. Guest speaker for the service was CNOCM Evelyn Banks (right), command master chief for the Navy Recruiting Command. Music included a rendition of “In Christ Alone” by Munford Middle School student Hope Halsted (left), who took top honors in the First Class Petty Officer’s Association talent show. (Photos by David W. Crenshaw)

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# NASCAR heads west to Phoenix

By JEFFREY NICHOLS

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The No. 88 Navy “Accelerate Your Life” Monte Carlo heads to the Phoenix International Raceway to participate in the Bashas’ Supermarkets 200 in Phoenix on Friday.

Driver Mark McFarland will be at the wheel of Dale Earnhardt Jr.’s JR Motorsports-owned no. 88. The Fleet honoree for the race will be Deep Submergence Unit (DSU) from NAS North Island, San Diego. DSU was established in 1989 and is home of the Navy’s manned and unmanned deep diving submersibles. DSU was a key player in the rescue of six Russian sailors trapped in a submarine in August 2005.

The Phoenix race will be televised live at 7:30 pm to a national audience on the FX Network, and broadcast on Motor Racing Network radio.



## LEGALLY SPEAKING: *Tenants’ rights*

By LT. JONATHAN FLYNN  
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Service members should exercise the utmost care in their apartment search, whether they are moving due to personal choice, weather conditions or military orders.

The first step toward a successful apartment hunt is to check the home and surrounding area. What is the condition of both the inside and outside? Check the stove, refrigerator, garbage disposal, heating, air conditioning and toilet. Make a written list of necessary repairs.

Talk to neighbors. Ask if there have been disputes with the landlord. Ask about noise and crime in the neighborhood. Check for complaints against the landlord with a local landlord/tenant association, consumer protection

agency or Better Business Bureau. If your landlord owns other rental properties, check those also.

Once you have a found a suitable dwelling, the next step is the agreement to rent. Oral agreements lead to uncertainty for both the landlord and the tenant. Therefore, an agreement should be in the form of a written lease.

It is essential that you read and understand all aspects of the lease, even if the landlord tells you that the lease is a “standard form.” In most situations, the lease will control your rights and duties, and the rights and duties of your landlord. If you do not feel comfortable with a particular provision of the lease, propose a change to it. Write the changes in ink on the lease, followed by the initials of all parties, to ensure that all parties have agreed to the changes.

There are certain lease

terms that you should watch out for. First, note the monthly due date of the rent. Second, look at the conditions on return of a security deposit. Some states heavily regulate security deposits, while others do not. Third, scrutinize provisions concerning repairs. Finally, be sure to understand lease termination provisions. Determine what fees you will have to pay, if you leave your apartment before the end of the lease.

For military personnel, it is essential to understand the Service Members Civil Relief Act. This federal law allows service members to break their lease early, if they receive PCS orders, deployment orders or orders to support a military operation. The service member must give written notice and a copy of his orders to the landlord to invoke these rights. After the landlord receives this documentation, the service

member is liable for the rent for 30 days after the next due date of the rent.

For example, assume a service member has his rent due on the 1st of every month. If that service member gives notice on any date from March 1 to March 31, then he is liable for rent through the end of April. Service members must assure that the lease contains a “military clause” with these termination provisions. Failure to include this in the lease could result in a loss of your SCRA rights.

Also, remember that usually, your landlord is not responsible for damaged or lost personal property. Therefore, tenants should maintain renter’s insurance for protection.

If you have any questions about a lease, contact the NLSO at 874-7379 to set up an appointment. We are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.




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Much of this information is gathered to assist the government to administer programs, pass laws and make policies. Income and poverty levels are often in the news. I hear people talk about the poverty levels. Most folks however, could not tell you what the so-called “poverty levels” truly are. So here they are:

2005 Health and Human Services  
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1	\$ 9,570	\$11,950	\$11,010
2	12,830	16,030	14,760
3	16,090	20,110	18,510
4	19,350	24,190	22,260
5	22,610	28,270	26,010
6	25,870	32,350	29,760
7	29,130	36,430	33,510
8	32,390	40,510	37,260

**For each additional person, add**  
\$3,260      \$4,080      \$3,750

SOURCE: Federal Register, Vol. 70, No. 33, February 18, 2005, pp. 8373-8375.

For someone working the Federal Minimum Wage of \$5.15 per hour, equates to a weekly pay of \$206, monthly pay of \$893, and an annual salary of \$10,712. An hourly rate of \$8.50 equates to a weekly pay of \$340, monthly pay of \$1,473, and an annual salary of \$17,680. An hourly rate of \$12.50 equates to a weekly pay of \$500, monthly pay of \$2,167, and an annual salary of \$26,000.

According to government numbers, the median household income in Tennessee for a 4-person family is \$55,907.

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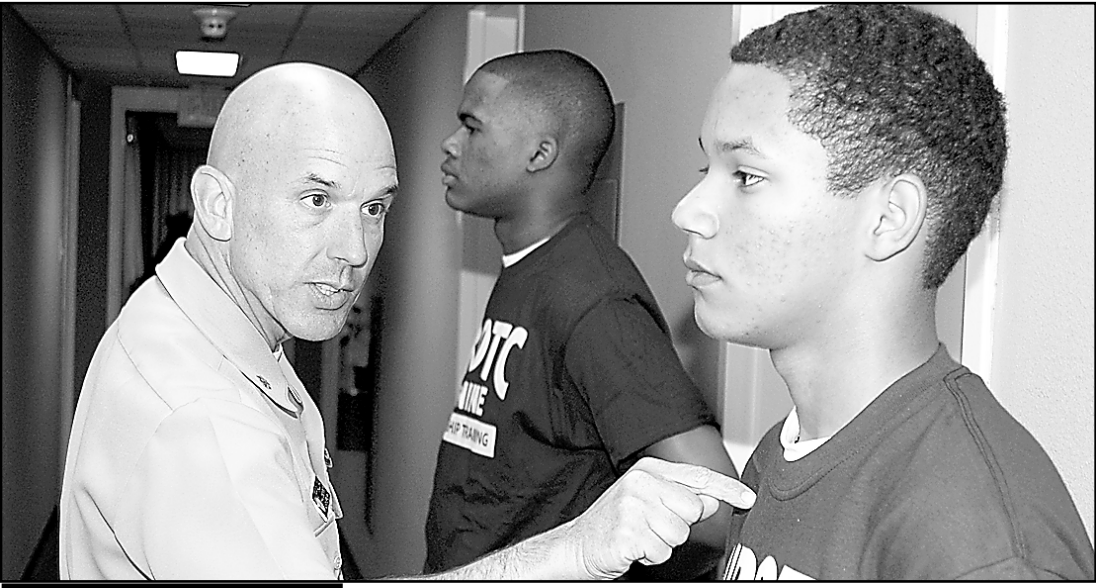
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Lt. Cmdr. (Ret) Robert Galloway, Senior Naval Science Instructor at Millington Central High School, prepares to inspect the room of cadets Thurman McCray (left) and Brian Lopez (right). The MCHS students were among the 55 Navy Junior ROTC cadets attending Basic Leadership Training last week on NSA Mid-South. (Photo by Art Frith)

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One of the cadets going through the BLT is Heather Meadows, a sophomore at Millington Central. Though she has no plans to join the military, Meadows gave two

The process of applying to become a Navy Junior ROTC instructor is fairly simple and includes submitting a packet for review. However, as Galloway points out, "There are hundreds of applicants approved each year, but relatively few actually go into the program."

secondary schools throughout the nation. The NJROTC curriculum emphasizes citizenship and leadership development, as well as our maritime heritage, the significance of sea power, and naval topics such as the fundamentals of naval operations, seamanship, navigation and meteor-



As cadets Paula Branstetter and Chris Carvers listen in at attention, retired MMC (SW) Craig White provides motivational comments to cadet Robert Larson. White served as the drill instructor for the Navy Junior ROTC "mini-boot camp" held on NSA Mid-South last week. (Photo by Art Frith)

reasons for her taking ROTC, "One is to be in better shape and, two, to develop a stronger sense of discipline." Dennis Guy, a senior at Millington Central and one of the 10 cadres assisting with the course, holds the rank of

The Navy Junior ROTC program was established by Public Law in 1964. Instructors who are retired Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard officers and enlisted personnel conduct the program at accredited

ology. Classroom instruction is augmented by community service activities, drill competition, field meets, flights, and visits to naval activities, marksmanship training and other military training. The Navy provides uniforms, textbooks, training aids, travel allowance and a substantial portion of instructors' salaries.

For more information on the NJROTC, or to apply to become an instructor, go to <http://www.njrotc.navy.mil> or call Robert Galloway at MCHS at 873-8101, ext. 236.



Army National Guard Sgt. Steven Jackson gives Pike High School Navy Junior ROTC Cadet Elaine Grouvner hints on how to overcome her vertical challenge. Jackson is assigned to Army National Guard's Recruiting and Retention Command, which provided the climbing wall during the mini-boot camp held on NSA Mid-South. (Photo by Art Frith)

cadet lieutenant commander and is the commanding officer of the school's unit. He has his sights on a military career. "I've talked with a Navy recruiter," he said, "and I'm looking at getting an ROTC scholarship so that I can start my career as a naval officer in the nuclear engineering field."

Cadets from all three schools agree that they like the travel that goes along with the ROTC program. When asked what she would tell a fellow student to convince them to take ROTC at school, Chelsea McTeer, a junior at Willard High School said, "I'd tell them about how much fun we have, all of the traveling we do, the drill meets, and that Chief White is really cool."

The cadets receive high school credit for their participation in ROTC. Two years of ROTC takes care of the wellness (a.k.a. phys. ed.) credit. White, Galloway and White all agreed that for many of their cadets, the only reason why they keep coming to school is NJROTC.

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# The Empty Nest:

## What to do when the kids move out

By Arlene H. Hull

You've just walked in the front door from dropping your youngest child at college. The house seems empty and too quiet. You walk through the house trying to figure out what you are going to do with all the extra time you will have on your hands now that you won't be involved in school activities. It seems a bit depressing.

But wait - what did you do with that extra time before you had children? Chances are you spent time with your spouse, maybe even developed hobbies that you both could share in, and talked about things you've always wanted to do.

Maybe now is the perfect time to take that cruise or second honeymoon you've been dreaming about.

### First Things First

Right now, while you might still be feeling lost, don't think of long-term plans. Think about something special you and your spouse can do to refresh and renew your relationship. After all, this is where it all started, the two of you.

The Religious Ministries Center on base can tell you about the Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP) or the Chaplains Religious Enrichment Development Operation (CREDO). These programs can help you and your spouse get back in touch with yourselves and your relationship.

The Navy's Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) and Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) offer craft classes for that hobby you might want to pick back up. They even offer recreational

activities and equipment rental for your more adventurous side.

How about a dream vacation? The Armed Forces Recreation Center (AFRC) offers many low-cost vacation sites for both active-duty and retired military families. You can take your pick from five-star resort destinations to campgrounds where you can pitch a tent and get back to nature.

Okay, now you've spent a weekend at a CREDO program, you've picked up the ceramics knives again, you've polished up your golf skills, and your tan is fading from that Hawaiian vacation. What do you do now?

**Volunteer!**

Almost every school you can think of has a great need for volunteers. Being a teacher's aid, an after-school tutor, or a library or computer aid is both bene-

ficial to the students and rewarding for your own sense of self-worth.

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, American Red Cross and the United Service Organization (USO) are always in need of volunteers. Do you live close to an airport and want to greet weary military travelers with a smile and a hot cup of coffee? It's all a great chance to get that "Mom" or "Dad" feeling back. Wherever your interests lie, there is probably a need for a volunteer in that field. Put your talents to work!

But more important than anything, don't despair too long, and remember that your kids are never really gone. Just when you think it's safe to redecorate their room as your new art studio or a game room, they'll be back. They might bring a spouse, three kids, a cat, and a dog, but they'll be back.



## New Tags?

### Update Your Vehicle Information

If you are a driver who picks up the new, green Tennessee license plates, you need to go to pass and decal to update your vehicle and registration information.

According to MAI (SW) Matthew G. McCarthy, leading petty officer of the Naval Security Force Detachment Mid-South, "They will have a new plate number which makes the information in our data base incorrect." If you already have the new plate, McCarthy adds, "This has to be done in person and cannot be accomplished on-line. All you need to do is to stop by the Pass and ID office located at the Willis Gate entrance to the base. Be sure to bring in the new registration, proof of insurance, drivers license and ID card."



It's a Family Affair as this pair of Canadian geese goes for a leisurely swim with their new members. The six goslings arrived on the scene last week. This is just one of the batch of new arrivals at Navy Lake. (Photo by Art Frith)

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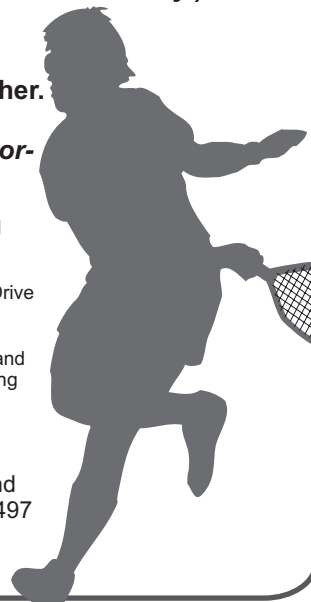
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- May 8 - Session 1 (6:30 p.m.) Basic Rules, Safety and equipment, Basic Forehand, Drop and hit drill.
- May 15 - Session 2 (6:30 p.m.) Review Basic Forehand, Drive serves, Basic Backhand, Drop and hit drill.
- May 22 - Session 3 (6:30 p.m.) Review Basic Forehand and Backhand, Serve and Serve Return, Ceiling balls, passing shots, Strategy, Doubles play (if time permits.)

Patrons must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Stop by the Joe Dugger Fitness and Wellness Center bldg S-499 or call (901) 874-5497 for more information and/or to sign up.



Ladies are you interested in working out but don't know how to get started?

only ... Join us ...

## Ladies Night Out

Thursday, April 20  
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Everything you wanted to know about fitness and more will be at your fingertips free of charge.


**Sign up today!**

Stop by the Joe Dugger Fitness and Wellness Center or call 874-5497 for more information.

The journey to fit and fabulous starts here!



### From the Intramural Sports Coordinator:



#### Intramural Softball

The Athletic Office is now accepting rosters for the Intramural Softball League. This is an Intramural Sport that generates Captain's Trophy Participation Points; therefore teams must be formed from members of individual Commands, units or competitive codes. So get your squads identified to represent your command, unit or code and turn in your roster or rosters no later than Thursday, April 20. You can bring your team roster to the Athletic Office at the N-82 Gym, Fax to 874-5409 or e-mail to [Apruitt@nsams.navy.mil](mailto:Apruitt@nsams.navy.mil). There will be coaches meeting on Friday, April 21 at 11 a.m. at the N-82 Gym with games beginning on Tuesday, April 25 at 6 p.m. If you have any questions or need further information please contact Amy at 874-5383. Dependent upon the number of team entries, game schedules may be on Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays, so please identify your dates of preference on your team roster.

#### Intramural Golf

Dust off your clubs and get your team registered at the N-82 Gym Athletic Office no later than Tuesday, April 25. A team representative meeting and game schedule distribution will be April 26 at 11a.m at the N-82 Gym. Method of play is a three- man scramble. Schedule match time will be in the afternoon beginning at 4 p.m. This program will generate Captain's Trophy Points so teams must be formed from a Command, Pers Code, Department or Competitive unit. To quickly enter your team, Fax at 874-5409, e-mail at [apruitt@nsams.navy.mil](mailto:apruitt@nsams.navy.mil) or drop off a hard copy to the N-82 gym. It is time to play, sign up today. Eligible participants include Active Duty, Reservist, and civilian employees assigned to the competitive units.

#### Intramural Bowling League

It is time again to get the men and women of your command, unit or competitive code for the intramural bowling league. So dust off your bowling balls and join us on Friday nights at the Bartlett Bowling Lanes located at 6276 Stage Rd. Teams will consist of 4 members of your competitive unit, command or code and team entries must conform to the Intramural sports structure and have a minimum of 1 person of the opposite sex on the team. Active duty, retirees, reserves, DoD civilians and their dependents age 17 or older are eligible to participate. All players will be required to be sanctioned and the bowling fees are \$10 per person per week. The roster deadline is Friday 5 May 06. There will be a coaches meeting at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 19 and games will start at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 19. The league will run for 10 weeks and will end on July 28. This Intramural Program generates points for Captain's Trophy. To register your team or obtain additional information contact Michael Ballard at 874-4904, e-mail at [Michael.I.ballard@navy.mil](mailto:Michael.I.ballard@navy.mil) or Amy at 874-5383, e-mail at [apruitt@nasms.navy.mil](mailto:apruitt@nasms.navy.mil).

#### Intramural Tennis League

The Intramural Sports office is now accepting rosters for the Intramural Tennis League. This sport generates Captain Trophy Points; therefore all teams must be formed from their commands, codes and competitive units. Rosters are due on Friday, April 28. A coaches meeting will be held on Monday, May 1 at 11 a.m. at the N-82 gym sports and fitness complex. For more information, please contact Amy at 874-5383. You can turn in your rosters for this sport by dropping them off at the N-82 gym, faxing them at 874-5409 or e-mailing them to [apruitt@nsams.navy.mil](mailto:apruitt@nsams.navy.mil). If you have any questions about these sports, please contact Amy at the Athletic Office at 874-5383.



## Glen Eagle Golf Course

One of the finest military golf courses in the world

The Glen Eagle Golf Course is one of the finest military golf courses in the world. It's managed in accordance with military regulations to provide personnel and their dependents an avenue of attaining physical fitness and a place to enjoy leisure time. The course is well maintained and is a challenging pleasure to play. This championship 18 hole facility offers a driving range, putting green, and a 140 yard practice hole. The staff strives to provide an outstanding golf program and to meet the emotional and physical needs of its participants. Our PGA Professionals also offer lessons for groups and individuals. The staff will be happy to coordinate a tournament just for your group. Rental of equipment including golf carts, clubs and pull carts can be arranged in the golf pro shop. Club repair is available for a nominal fee.

Blind Draw (Every Thursday)  
Golfers play their own ball 9 holes and draw a partner after play.



### Concerts by the Green Every Friday in May

6:30 p.m to 8:30 p.m.  
Glen Eagle Golf Course

Local favorite, Andy Childs makes his 4th appearance as part of Navy Mid-South MWR Concert series May 19.

Concert Series Schedule.

- May 5 - Navy Band (Popular Top 40)
- May 12 - Memphis Heartbeats (Generational Pop Music)
- May 21 - Andy Childs (Memphis Music)
- May 26 - The Distraxshuns (Rockin' Memphis Soul)

Special door prize each week!  
Free entry! Must be present to win!

Stableford Format for scoring purposes. Regular green fees and cart fees apply after blind draw fee. This event is open to all golfers wishing to participate. Limited to the first 40 golfers, so sign up early.

**Ladies Tuesday Evening Golf**  
Learn the game, meet fun ladies, enjoy the outdoors, and NO competition!! Every Tuesday afternoon from 4 p.m. This evening play day is for women golfers who just want to get out and enjoy the company of other lady golfers. The schedule is for lady golfers to sign up and come out and play 9 holes each Tuesday. This is a fun outing. If you are looking for serious tournament golf this may not be the class for you. All patron categories are invited and encouraged to participate.

Glen Eagle Golf Course is open to all MWR authorized patrons and the general public. Tee time reservations recommended. Call 874-5168 for more information.

### Month of the Military Child Specials courtesy of MWR!

#### Restaurant Services

Navy Mid-South families are invited to celebrate "Month of the Military Child" together at a special family friendly meal services at the Helmsman Restaurants.

Saturday, April 22, 9 - 11 a.m. **"Month of the Military Child." Breakfast Special.** Menu features Scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, fruit, French toast, orange juice and milk. Call (901) 874-5132 for more information. Breakfast: adults \$5.50, children \$3.50.



April is the... Month of the Military Child

### Catch the Excitement!

Navy Child and Youth Programs NSA Mid-South

Golf Course and Eagles Peak Grille is offering children of Military families age 12 and under a **free lunch every Sunday in April!** (Children must be accompanied by a sponsor.) Sunday lunch 11 a.m - 1 p.m. Children's meal includes chicken fingers or hotdog, fries and a drink. After eating lunch children can also enjoy a free bucket of range balls. (Children must be accompanied by a sponsor.) Check into the Pro-shop for golf balls. Call (901) 874-5168 for more information.

#### Leisure Services

During "Month of the Military Child" the MWR Screen-print shop is offering a "Spring Printing Special" to help everyone get a jump on custom t-shirt orders for summer family reunions. Patrons can order a t-shirts with a custom designed 3 color print for only \$4.99 per shirt! For details on this special stop by the Screen Printing Shop located in bldg. S-797 (Craftech) or call (901) 874-5303.

Family fun offers are available at ITT. Including discount tickets to the Children's Museum, the Memphis Zoo and Malco theaters. For more information stop by the ITT Office (bldg. S-760) or call (901) 874-5652.

#### CDC/CDH Program Parent Opportunities:

"Sign to Me" April 18, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and 6 -7 p.m. there will be information available on how to incorporate sign language in the life of your child

"Guiding Young Children to Make Appropriate Choices" April 25, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. there will be information available on ways to help your child respond to positive guidance

#### Wacky Wednesdays:

"Denim Day" April 19 Children will wear denim all the fun and excitement that goes with it.

"T-Shirt Day" April 26 each class will wear a special color just for them that will be imprinted with the month's theme at the MWR Screen print shop. Parents if you have a child enrolled in the CPY program should see your room parent or caregiver for more details.

Passports April 28 all passports are due to the CDC, Youth Center or Homes by noon

#### Also tentatively scheduled

"Child Abuse Prevention" April 21 begins at 10 a.m., representative from Fleet and Family Services will be at the CDC to share information and materials.

"International Dinner" April 21 starts at 11 a.m. at the CDC with your favorite dishes at our world-class potluck! Check with your room parent or caregiver for more details.

#### Youth/Teen Center

Saturday Play. The fun doesn't end on Friday! Saturday Play is held each Saturday this month from 1-5 p.m. for kindergarten-5th graders. Registration in the Before and After school program IS NOT required! Drop the kids in while you go catch some zzz's or clean house or go shopping. For more information call (901) 874-5155. **Month of the Military Child Play Day Special.** Active Duty military and retired military kids can join us for \$1, all other eligible kids pay the regular fee (\$3 per child.)


**Family Recreation Night** is held each Monday at the Youth Center from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Challenge the kids a game of Foosball or enjoy a movie. Free popcorn for Military families!

Friday, April 21 youth in kindergarten-5th grade are invited to join us for **Special Kid's Night Out.** Fee covers supervision, pizza, lemonade and all the fun activities and games here at the Youth Program Center. Space is limited so drop by and register today. Deadline to register April 10. For more information call (901) 874-5155. Active Duty military kids can join us for \$5. Fee for all other eligible patrons \$10. Call (901) 874-5155 for more information regarding Youth program activities.

**Family Skate Night** is offered at the N-82 Gym each Saturday from 7-10pm. Parents skate for FREE! Admission of \$3 includes skates. Month of the Military Child Special: military and retired military kids get in for \$1. Be sure to have your ID!

Teen Center Monthly Membership for April is reduced to \$3 for military and retired military teens in grade 6 and up. Bring your ID or pay the regular fee of \$5! Haven't been to S-770 yet? Your first two visits are FREE! Drop by to check out a list of their April activities.

### Navy Mid-South Youth Center School-Age Care (SAC) priority placement registration Summer Day Camp '06.



Who's watching us during summer break?

Sponsors may register on or after the date listed for their category. A Waiting List (CEWL) will be established for any SAC program that exceeds the registration limit. Registration is held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Alternate registration days and times are available through appointment only. Enrollment Fee is non-refundable and is applied to first weekly fee. Sponsors: a \$5 deposit will also be accepted for each specific week reserved in each camper's name. Deposits will later be applied towards weekly fee. For further information, call 874-5155.

**Category--camp '06 reg.-- begins**

- 1--Single Active Duty--4 April
- 2--Dual Active Duty--5 April
- 3--Active Duty w/working spouse--6 April
- 4--Active Duty w/student spouse--11 April
- 5--Single DoD--12 April
- 6--Dual DoD--13 April
- 7--DoD w/working spouse--18 April
- 8--DoD w/student spouse--19 April
- 9--Active Duty w/non-working spouse--20 April
- 10--DoD w/non-working spouse--25 April
- 11--DoD Contractors-- 26 April
- 12--Active Duty Coast Guard--27 April

\* Youth Program Forms available at Youth Center (Bldg. 936) or by accessing the Youth Center's webpage at [nsamidsouth.navy.mil](http://nsamidsouth.navy.mil). NOTE: in the event that two sponsors' priority is equal, date and order of enrollment will determine placement on list (active and/or waiting).



# Morale, Welfare and Recreation

## Hotspot for Comedy Launches Funniest Person in Memphis Contest - Tickets at ITT

Excerpts from "Comedy, Tennessee - Serious Business" - Commercial Appeal article published April 9, 2006 written by Christopher Blank

Memphis can be a funny place -- at least John Marks and Sammy Marten think so -- and their comedy club plans ain't no gag.

In January 2005, John Marks and Sammy Marten started Comedy Tennessee to provide a weekly venue for stand-up in Memphis, a city where comic inventions often have led tragically short lives.

Even with some big names on the bills -- celebs like Chris Rock, Gilbert Gottfried, Sandra Bernhard, and stand-up porn star Ron Jeremy -- comedy hasn't caught on in Memphis.

But Marks and Marten, both in their late 40s, think they've hit upon the right formula with Comedy Tennessee, which will relocate from Neil's in June and expand to seven shows a week.

"What we bring that's different from the other clubs is, number one, Sammy and I are both comics," Marks said. "We've been on the road and know what is required to put on stand-up. Another thing is that we started selling sponsorships, teaming up with businesses to put on shows. That's fairly unusual for a club. We've done more Internet marketing. And finally, we've spent a lot of time in the last year working with younger comics, giving them more stage time. It creates a network of support in the area."

The new Comedy Tennessee will take over the building of the now defunct South Beach at 6102 Macon Road. Corporate sponsors get in-



Live stand-up comedy every Thursday night showcasing comedians as seen on Letterman, Showtime, Comedy Central and more! Tickets are not dated. Go any Thursday. ITT ticket price \$4.75 (reg. \$10 at the door.)

house advertising and tickets to reward employees or customers.

Marten, former proprietor of Creole Cafe in Midtown, will bring his recipes for gumbo and etouffee. Tickets are priced at \$10 a show (discount tickets available for \$4.75 at ITT.) Wednesdays will be open-mike nights.

Mary Jordan, one of the young and aspiring comics performing at Comedy TN, thinks that one reason stand-up hasn't taken off in Memphis is a lack of venues where novices can create a scene for it. But the University of Memphis history major, who started doing stand-up when she was 16, says that Comedy Tennessee's consistent stage time for talented amateurs has generated

interest for aspiring funny men and women.

"I have very high hopes for the club," she said. "They're not going to have any trouble getting talented people to come in because they've been in the business and they've made good connections."

Marks and Marten have horror stories of "paying their dues" on the road: the "hell gigs" that led each of them, separately, into imagining they could produce comedy better.

Marks and Marten recently launched a contest called the Funniest Person in Memphis. The first round was held March 30 at Neil's. Two additional rounds are Thursday and May 11.

Finals are May 25, and the prize is a week's gig at the new Comedy Tennessee after it opens.

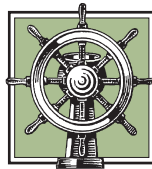
According to contest rules on the Web site comedytennessee.com, the contest is open to "Anyone who has a sense of humor and has not been involved with trying to overthrow the government of a third world country."

Stop by the Information, Tickets and Travel Office (ITT) to purchase tickets and/or for more information.

Information, Tickets and Travel office is located in Bldg. S-760

ITT office open  
Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
1st and 3rd Saturday  
each month 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Closed Sundays, and holidays  
For more information call  
(901) 874-5455/5652,  
1-800-779-4252 or  
Fax: (901) 874-5322.

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Bldg. S-760 Navy Mid-South....for information call 874-5132

Join us for lunch and more!  
Lunch served 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Monday - Friday

(See calendar below for daily buffet entree menu.)

**\$5<sup>25</sup> Value Spotlight**

Daily Plate Lunch special

Your choice of one of the entree items from the buffet, one starch, one vegetable and a side salad or cup of soup with rolls plated from the buffet selections by your server.



### April A-La-Carte Lunch Specials

**#1 Seafood Salad ..... \$ 5.00**

Chilled mixed greens topped with salad shrimp and crab meat, wedges of tomato and egg. Served with choice of dressing.

**#2 Turkey and Swiss and Soup ..... \$ 4.25**

Turkey and Swiss on Rye with a cup of soup.

**#3 Lumpia (5) with one trip to the salad bar..... \$ 5.00**

A mixture of vegetables, beef and spices wrapped in a crisp light wrapper served with sweet and sour sauce.

**#4 New York Reuben Sandwich and fries ..... \$ 5.25**

Generous portion of shaved corned beef with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut and thousand island dressing on crisp golden brown rye bread. Served with one trip to salad bar.....\$5.50 Served with both (fries and salad).....\$5.75

Call 874-5356  
and get it "to go"!



**Month of the Military Child  
Breakfast Special  
Saturday, April 22, 9 - 11 a.m.**

Menu features Scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, fruit, French toast, orange juice and milk.

Adults \$5.50, Children \$3.50

1st one of the year!  
**Mongolian BBQ**  
Friday, April 28, 5-8 p.m.  
Cost: 60 cents per oz.



**SUNDAY CHAMPAGNE  
BRUNCH**  
April 30, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Adults \$8.95  
Children age 5-10 half price  
Children under 5 eat free

### Home of the Liberty program for Single Sailors and Geo Bachelors



**Ellison Recreation Center  
Bldg S-499 Open 7 days a week!**

Monday- Friday, 9 a.m.-10 p.m.,  
Saturday 12-10 p.m.  
Sunday and holidays 2 p.m.-10 p.m.  
(901) 874-5650

Note youth are welcome when accompanied by an adult 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Patrons must be 18 and older to use this facility after 4 p.m.

The staff at the Ellison is doing a terrific job of creating a relaxing and inviting atmosphere for you to enjoy. This center offers a thirty-six seat theater, TV lounge, billiards, ping pong tables, darts, PS2 and XBOX game

systems and various board games. Also featured is a six-station computer center with Internet access. Special activities and events conducted throughout the year include tournaments, Navy Motion Picture Program, MOSA Single Sailor Dinners, Shuttle trips to local Memphis entertainment and shopping centers, day trips and ticket give-a-ways. Stop by to see what's the next big event going on. Ellison Recreation Center is open to all MWR authorized patrons. However this center is the home of the "Liberty Program" ("Single Sailor Program") and you must be 18 or older to participate in activities unless otherwise stated.

**Movie Theater:** Enjoy a free picture show in our 36-seat movie theater. Take your choice from our list of over 300 movies. Check out "Coming Attractions" display at the center for schedule. Schedule posted in the Bluejacket. See calendar below.

**Computers and Internet Access:** Our computer room features six (6) user friendly PC stations with Windows operating systems and Microsoft Office software. Access your existing email accounts with internet mail service.

Wireless internet connection available.

**Gameroom:** Challenge a friend to a game of pool, ping pong, foosball or one of many board games available.

**Arcade:** A variety of amusement machines are available. Enjoy the PS2 and X-Box game systems. We offer Xbox live & PS on line for added excitement. We have the latest games including Madden 2005, NBA 2005, Def Jam Fight for NY, NCAA 2005, WWE Smack Down vs Raw, and NASCAR 2005 just to name a few.

**Library:** Enjoy a current issue of a magazine or a local paper or check out the USA Today, or Washington Post. We also have a paperback book exchange.

**Snack bar:** Let your taste buds go wild with a variety of snack foods and beverages all at a low cost. Additional beverages available for those 21 and older.

**Trips and Events:** Ellison schedules trips and events throughout the year. Stop by to see what's the next big event going on.

**MOSA Single Sailor Suppers:** Every third Tuesday of the month at the Ellison. The meal is served 6 p.m. until the food runs out.

## IN THE COMING WEEK!

## APRIL 20-30, 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Naval Support Activity Mid-South</p> <p><b>MWR EXPO</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday, May 9</b> 10 a.m-1 p.m. Helmsman Complex</p>		<p><b>It's bigger &amp; better!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• More...Drawings and giveaways</li><li>• More...Games and interactive displays!</li><li>• More...Exhibitors &amp; vendors!</li></ul> <p>Food Show Sponsored by Sysco! Free samples of delicious food and beverage products provided by Sysco, MWR &amp; others!</p> <p><b>Everyone is invited!</b> Stop by and <u>enjoy</u> the EXPO!</p>		<p><b>Helmsman Lunch Buffet 20</b> Roast Beef Pit Smoked Ham</p> <p><b>Fitness Center Ladies Night Out</b> 6:30-8:30 p.m. sign up today!</p> <p><b>Free Movie 7 p.m.</b> at the Ellison Rec. Center <i>Tristan and Isolde</i> (PG 13)</p>	<p><b>Helmsman Lunch Buffet 21</b> Fried Catfish Smoked Sausage</p> <p><b>Kid's Night Out</b> Youth Center Register today! 874-5155</p> <p><b>BINGO</b> 4-10 p.m. Bingo Hall!</p> <p><b>Free Movie 6 p.m.</b> at the Ellison Rec. Center <i>Mempirs of a Geisha</i> (R)</p>	<p><b>Earth Day 22</b></p> <p><b>Month of the Military Child Breakfast Special</b> 9-11 a.m. Helmsman</p> <p><b>FAMILY MOVIE DAY!</b> Ellison Rec. Center 1 - 4 p.m. (Movie begins at 1:30 p.m.) <i>King Kong</i> (PG 13)</p> <p><b>Free Movie 7 p.m.</b> at the Ellison Rec. Center <i>The Producers</i> (PG 13)</p>
<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>Free Movie 6 p.m.</b> at the Ellison Rec. Center <i>Munich</i> (R)</p> <p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>Sunday Champagne Brunch</b> 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Helmsman Complex</p> <p><b>Free Movie 6 p.m.</b> at the Ellison Rec. Center <i>Memoirs of a Geisha</i> (PG 13)</p>	<p><b>Helmsman Lunch Buffet 24</b> BBQ Chicken BBQ Pork</p> <p><b>Family Recreation Night</b> 5:30-7 p.m. at Youth Center Call 874-5155 for details!</p> <p><b>Karate (Shorin-Ryu)</b> 5:30-7 p.m. at Youth Center</p> <p><b>Free Movie 7 p.m.</b> at the Ellison Rec. Center <i>The Matador</i> (R)</p>	<p><b>Helmsman Lunch Buffet 25</b> Fried Pork Chops Stuffed Bell Peppers</p> <p><b>Family Recreation Night</b> 5:30-7 p.m. at Youth Center Call 874-5155 for details!</p> <p><b>Karate (Shorin-Ryu)</b> 5:30-7 p.m. at Youth Center</p> <p><b>BINGO</b> 4-10 p.m. Bingo Hall!</p> <p><b>Free Movie 7 p.m.</b> at the Ellison Rec. Center <i>The Last Holiday</i> (PG 13)</p>	<p><b>Helmsman Lunch Buffet 26</b> Southern Fried Chicken Beef Tips with Wine Sauce</p> <p><b>Family Recreation Night</b> 5:30-7 p.m. at Youth Center Call 874-5155 for details!</p> <p><b>Karate (Shorin-Ryu)</b> 5:30-7 p.m. at Youth Center</p> <p><b>BINGO</b> 4-10 p.m. Bingo Hall!</p> <p><b>Free Movie 7 p.m.</b> at the Ellison Rec. Center <i>Glory Road</i> (PG)</p>	<p><b>Helmsman Lunch Buffet 27</b> Roast Beef Pit Smoked Ham</p> <p><b>Free Movie 7 p.m.</b> at the Ellison Rec. Center <i>Syriana</i> (R)</p>	<p><b>Helmsman Lunch Buffet 28</b> Fried Catfish Lemon Pepper Chicken</p> <p><b>TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER</b> Every Friday</p> <p><b>Mongolian BBQ</b> 5 - 8 p.m. Oaks Dining</p> <p><b>BINGO</b> 4-10 p.m. Bingo Hall!</p> <p><b>Free Movie 6 p.m.</b> at the Ellison Rec. Center <i>Munich</i> (R)</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>FAMILY MOVIE DAY!</b> Ellison Rec. Center Every Saturday 1 - 4 p.m. (Movie begins at 1:30 p.m.) <i>Chicken Little</i></p> <p><b>Last day!</b> this season for <b>Family Skate Night and Saturday Play Day!</b> (Programs return in the fall)</p> <p><b>Free Movie 7 p.m.</b> at the Ellison Rec. Center <i>Rumor Has It</i> (PG 13)</p>



# Tornado season in the Mid-South

By Art Frith  
NSA Mid-South Public Affairs

Spring has arrived in the Mid-South. Temperatures are creeping up toward the 80-degree mark, and severe weather is becoming more frequent, including tornadoes. Tornado-warning sirens on base were blaring away recently as a band of severe weather passed through our area for the second time in less than a week.

Tornado season generally runs from March through November. In pure number of incidences, the United States reports more tornadoes than any other country. While tornadoes have been recorded in all 50 states, they tend to form mostly in a broad area known as "Tornado Alley," which covers the Great Plains, Midwest and southern regions of the country.

Being prepared for any type of disaster is an everyday task for everyday life whether you're at work, school, or home, is crucial. With each tornado season, schools and media outlets across the Mid-South devote a great amount of time educating the public about

the dangers and what can be done to improve the chances of surviving a severe storm.

Most communities, including NSA Mid-South, have civil defense sirens. In most of our area, the sirens are activated by the Memphis/Shelby County Emergency Management Agency (MSCEMA) when severe weather is believed to be approaching. The sirens are located in strategic locations throughout Memphis and Shelby County, including the cities of Millington, Lakeland, Arlington and Collierville. Tornado sirens located in the cities of Germantown and Bartlett are activated by the respective city and are not controlled by MSCEMA. Here on base, the sirens are tested every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m., unless there is inclement weather.

Unless you are in a building with a large spanned roof, like the gym or in a mobile home, you should take shelter in the building they are in. Avoid going outside. You should go to the inner hallway/room on the first floor, away from windows or exit doors. If you are in a mobile home or outside, then go to the nearest building that is open. The designated shelter buildings on NSA Mid-South are Bldg. 750 and Bldg. 751 and will be opened up by Security. If you find yourself caught outside, or in their car, and the tornado is upon you, lay in a ditch or low-lying area.

You need to know the differences in the alerts. A tornado WATCH means that conditions are right for a tornado in your area, while a tornado WARNING means that a tornado has been sighted and may be headed for your area. When a tornado warning is issued for any portion of the county, MSCEMA will activate



the sirens. When this happens, all sirens within Memphis and Shelby County will sound off. You should immediately go to a safe area. DO NOT CALL 911 when you hear a tornado siren. Instead, first tune into local media for news and weather reports. If, after doing so, you believe the siren activation is a malfunction, contact the appropriate persons listed for your area below. Tornado sirens located in the cities of Germantown and Bartlett are activated by the respective city and are not controlled by MSCEMA.

Be aware of the fact that tornado sirens are designed to provide early warning primarily for persons who are outside away from a TV and/or radio. Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons such as the distance from the siren, homes shut up with air conditioners running and people asleep during nighttime storms with thunder, rain and wind, the sirens are not frequently heard in residences. Emergency management officials highly recommend that you keep a NOAA weather alert radio in your home, preferable in the bedroom, with a tone alert. These are rela-

tively inexpensive devices costing as little as \$20 and will activate whenever the National Weather Service issues severe weather warnings. Warnings are also carried on the local area radio and television stations.

There are a number of sites on the Internet and various organizations, such as the local chapter of the American Red Cross, where you can find helpful hints on how to prepare for a possible tornado. These include: Prepare a home tornado plan - Pick a place where family members will gather if a tornado is headed your way. It could be your basement or, if there is no basement, a center hallway, bathroom, or closet on the lowest floor. Keep this place uncluttered; High-rise buildings - If you are in a high-rise building when a tornado is approaching, you may not have enough time to go to the lowest floor. Pick a place in a hallway in the center of the building. Stay tuned for storm warnings - Listen to local radio and TV stations for updated storm information.

Taking these precautions ahead of time could decide whether or not you and your family members survive should a tornado occur.

## MILITARY KIDS ELIGIBLE FOR A FREE SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE

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National Military Family Association

ALEXANDRIA, VA. - The National Military Family Association (NMFA) is now accepting applications for its popular Operation Purple Summer Camps.

The 26 Operation Purple Camps provide children from military families with fun and memorable opportunities to learn new skills for managing deployment-related stress. NMFA developed this free summer camp program, sponsored this year by the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation and TriWest Healthcare Alliance, in response to the need for increased support for military children.

"We at TriWest are privileged and proud to serve those who wear our Nation's uniform and their families," said TriWest President and CEO David J. McIntyre Jr. "This very special Operation Purple program is vital to military children, who also are making sacrifices in defense of our country, and we are pleased to support these deserving children."

With significantly increased funding, the camp program has more than doubled its original 2004 outreach of 12 camps. The Operation

Purple camp program is the only summer camp program that focuses on helping kids deal with deployment-related issues.

Each camp is "purple," meaning it is open to children of any service member of the uniformed services. Applications for the camps are available now through May 15 at <http://www.operationpurple.org/>. This year, the Operation Purple program will host more than 2,500 kids.

Although a step in the right direction, there is a pressing need for more support, based on NMFA estimates that more than 115,000 children are experiencing the absence of a parent due to a deployment to Iraq or Afghanistan. This statistic does not include children who have parents deployed elsewhere around the world.

"We are thrilled with the continuing success of the Operation Purple Camp program. This year we are pleased to offer this opportunity to children in states that haven't previously hosted a camp and welcome back camps that are committed to serving military children," says Tanna Schmidli, NMFA chairman and chief executive officer. "We are looking forward to building momentum with additional sponsors for greater expansion next year." The camps, which last from five to seven days, give kids ages eight to 18 an exciting and memorable camp experience, providing tools to help them deal with the stress resulting from a military parent's deployment. Each camp is joint and

"purple" — encompassing all Service branches, including the National Guard and Reserve, and the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and is offered free of charge to all participants.

Interested children from military families are encouraged to apply for the camp located nearest their home since travel expenses are not reimbursed. More than 26 weeks of Operation Purple camps are currently offered in 22 states (Alaska, California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Vermont and Washington). Applications are only available online at <http://www.operationpurple.org>, along with a list of camp dates, sites and other information.

The National Military Family Association is the only national organization whose sole focus is the military family and whose goal is to influence the development and implementation of policies that will improve the lives of the families of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. For more than 35 years, its staff and volunteers, comprised mostly of military family members, have built a reputation for being the leading experts on military family issues.

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